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Preface.

Believers in Christ's Second Appear=ing who are united in one body, posing one united & consecrated interest, and, there=fore, must in all things, & under all cir=-cumstances, be influenced, led & governed by one spirit, which is the spirit of God, & be subject to one general law which is the law of Christ, in this day of his Second Appearing.

But as this general law comprehends all that is necessary for the moral and religious government of Believers so it is divided into a variety of statutes & rules which will apply to all general cases, and teach us our duty in the various situations and relations to which we may be called -

The first & great command enjoined upon all Believers, is that we love the Lord our God with all our hearts, might, mind and strength; and the second is like unto it, that we love the Brethren

& Sisters as ourselves.

Under the influence of the first, we shall always be obedient to our parents, & Elders in the gospel; & under the influence of the second we shall do to all mankind as we wish them to do unto us.

It may not be improper here to remark, that the orders & laws of Zion, relative to her separation from the spirit of the world within & without; & relative to confession & repentance of sin, & reconciliation between dissenting parties; also to selfdenial, purity & a proper intercourse between the sexes; & the order of the anointing of God, & the transmission of the same to successors &c. are unchangable. ||

But those rules & regulations relative to health, economy, & such as are the attendants of local circumstances, in the social connections of Society, are subject to such modifications, amendments or repeals, as circumstances require for the union & protection of the various societies & families throughout Zion.

And, it is, consequently, the privilege & duty, of the lead, in each society and family, to add to, or diminish the number of such in this book, as their situation & circumstances require for the safety, union & protection of the people under their charge.

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Part 1.

Section 1.

Orders concerning the Duties of Trustees Family Deacons and Deaconefs & the duties of other Members thereunto

1st Believers must not run in debt to the world.

2. The order of the gospel requires Trustees before making any heavy purchases, or sales, to ask counsel and obtain union of the Ministry & Elders of the Church, or family over which they preside.

3 Believers should not require interest of each other on money borrowed to purchase the ne= =cessities or comforts of life

4 Members should not purchase articles for themselves without the liberty of the Deacons or Deaconesses; each set in its own order.

5 No new fashions concerning manufactures cloth= =ing or wares of any kind, may be introduced

into any Society of Believers, without the sanction of the Ministry of the Society, & superfluous articles should not be purchased, or used by Believers.

Conditional Orders

1st — The family Deacons & Deaconesses are res=
=ponsible to the Elders in all matters of impor=
=tance, that come under their cognizance concern=
=ing the temporal business of the family.

2 — Members employed to do business for the Trustees, at home or abroad, must render a full & ex=
=plicit account to them of all their expenditures & transactions when such duties are performed.

3 × Where the order of the gospel is fully established, members should not apply to the Office Deacons or Deaconesses, for needful articles, or for articles of convenience, nor for money for the purchase of the same, but to the family Deacons & Deaconesses.

4 Brethren & Sisters have no liberty to make for themselves or for others, important accommoda=
=tions or conveniences, without the union or con=
=sent of the Deacons or Deaconesses, each sex in its own order.

5 It is the duty of family Deacons & Deacon=
=esses to dictate the cooks, & the duty of the Elders & Eldresses to see that good order is attended to concerning the same.

Supplement

Important Counsels.

1 × Trustees desiring the help of other members to do business for them, or, to perform any of their offi=
=cial duties, at home or abroad, must apply to the Elders for the same.

2 × When two or more are out together they should as far as convenient both eat at one tavern, & sleep in one room, &, when walking the street

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endeavor to keep together as much as convenient.

3 Those who go out on business for the Trustees have no more right to buy, sell, bargain or trade for themselves in any way than any other mem=
=bers of the family

4 As the Trustees are called to be examples of godliness, gospel plainness, prudence & good economy in temporal things, they should not pur=
=chase for themselves or receive as a gift or present to be kept by them, or at their place of residence any article, or articles of convenience that are su=
=perfluous, unnecessary, or such as are disowned in the Church or family over which they preside as Trustees.

5. × Trustees should attend to meeting with the family as far as their duties will possibly ad=
=mit as they need the union & strength of the body of the family; they should also attend to meals with the family, as far as possible, that they may know how to feel for their temporal needs & circumstances with regard to provisions.

6 When Believers resort to taverns & public pla=
=ces, they should not blend with the wicked, by
uniting in unnecessary conversation, jesting &
joking, talking upon politics with them, or dis=
=puting or inquiring into things which serve to
draw the sense from the pure work of God.

7 All Believers who go out among the world,
should observe, as far as possible, their order of
kneeling at home, & should endeavor to kneel in prayer each day.

8. + A supply of such small tools and articles as sis=
=ters need which brethren make, should be made
by order of the Deacons, & delivered to the family
Deaconesses: to whom the sisters should apply for
the same when desired

9 If sisters desire tools, conveniences, or articles
of manufacture which come in the Brethren's
line of business, & which it would require much
time to make, they should apply to the family Deaconesses.

10 + Family Deacons & Deaconesses should have the gen=
eral oversight of all work done in the family for
sale; and the general direction of persons employed
at the same, in union with the Trustees.

Section III.

Orders relative to Physicians.

1 Brethren should not apply medical aid to sisters who are sick, without the knowledge of sisters who stand in the lot with them; & the same rule applies to sisters, where there are Brethren Physicians.

Counsels.

1 The physicians should at all times, hold themselves accountable to the Elders, with regard to administration of medicine

2 When an individual is so unwell as to be necessitated to the place of the sick, the physicians should make the case known to the Elders.

3 If any of the Brethren or Sisters need assistance in the medical line, they should apply to the physicians of their own family, & of their own sex, if there be such; & if not, to such as are appointed, & give themselves up to their direction, as it respects their medical treatment. All, however, have a right (liberty) to request such medicines as they desire, but are counseled to abide the decision of the physicians whether it be suitable for them to have it or not.

4 It is advisable for believers to avoid employing doctors of the world except in some extreme cases; & in such cases, the Ministry & Elders should decide whether it be proper, or not.

Part II.

Section I.

Orders Concerning the Confession of Sin & Opening the Mind.

1 No Believer can be justified in keeping any sin covered, under any pretence whatever; but all are required to make confession thereof, to those who are appointed in the order of God to hear them.

2 If any member should know of any sin or actual transgression of the law of Christ in any one of the family or society, & have reason to believe the same is not known, or has not been confessed in the order, the member to whom the matter is known is bound to reveal it to the Elders so that sin may be put out of the away, otherwise they participate in the guilt & condemnation thereof.

3 All Believers who ignorantly, carelessly, or wilfully break the orders of the gospel are required to confess the same in the line of order, & this should be done before assembling to worship God

4 All trials must be opened to those set in order to hear them; & to no other person.

5 If any member not appointed to hear openings, attentively hears disorderly persons disclose their trials, or their disaffected feelings concerning Ministry, Elders, Deacons, Brethren or Sisters, it is solemnly enjoined on such, to make confession of the matter to their Elders as a transgression of the order of God in hearing such openings.

6 No member of the family who may be admonished or reproved by the Elders for any fault whatever, is allowed to make any inquiry, or take any pains to find out by whom the matter was opened to the Elders.

7 Members should not go to the Ministry to open their minds without the knowledge

of their Elders, unless the Ministry call upon them for that purpose, in which case it is their duty to be free. And if members manifest to their Elders a desire to see the Ministry, the Elders should make it known to the Ministry.

8th If any member shoud discover any violation of the law of Christ, or any thing contrary to the known precepts of the gospel, in any person entrusted in any lot of care, either spiritual or temporal, however high or im=-portant their lot & calling may be, the person making the discovery is bound to make it known to the Ministry, or some one appointed to hear openings.

9 If any person should be overcome with anger, so as to lay any brother or sister in the lie or speak or act contrary to the gospel of Christ, or, by any means try to irritate, or wound the feel=-ings of a brother or sister they are not justified until restored by confession.

10 × No member is allowed to present himself to worship God, when under the condemnation of sin unconfessed. But all are required to present themselves to worship, with clean hands, pure hearts, & a justifed conscience.

11 If brethren have aught to open concerning any sister, they must open it to their Elder Brethren, & if sisters have aught to open concerning any brother, they must open it to their Elder Sisters.

Section II.

Orders concerning the worship of God Attending to Meeting &c.

1 All are required to attend meetings at the appointed time & no one may be absent from meetings without obtaining permission of the Elders for the same.

2 If any member is absent from meeting without the Elders knowledge, & union,

such

such an one should inform the Elders of the cause of absence the first opportunity after meeting

Supplement.

Counsels &c.

1 All members while sitting in retiring time should sit erect & in strait ranks

2 All should attend to the reading of the hymn or anthem that is to be sung in meeting, which should always be read in retiring time, & none should have any conversation upon any thing, except it be very needful, neither should they sleep, or idly lounge away the time, or leave the room except it be very necessary.

3 All should go into meeting in the fear of God, walking softly, or upon their toes; except unable to do so; & no one should have any talking, laughing, or hanging on the railing while passing to, & from meeting.

4 When Brethren & Sisters place themselves in a body in meeting for the worship of God, the ranks should be strait, not only to the right and left but also forward & back; and forward ranks should always be as long as any of the rest; &, by no means should there be vacancies in the ranks; it has a ten= =dency to excite disunion.

5. Brethren & Sisters should not allow themselves to be gaping & yawning in meeting.

6 When any person is kneeling in devoted prayer, whether in meeting or elsewhere, all who are present should attend, and not be otherwis engaged.

7 Brethren & Sisters should repair to their rooms when the signal is given for that pur= =pose, and retire in silence at the appointed time, & labor for a sense of the gospel before at= =tending meetings.

Section III.

Orders concerning the Sabbath.

1 × No books except the Bible & believers publications may be read on the Sabbath, except by permission of the Elders. And Newspapers, periodicals, Advertisements, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Literary, Scientific, Miscellaneous, Unreligious or Worldly Books of any kind should not be read on the Sabbath.

2 No kind of fermented liquors should be used on the Sabbath, except medicine administered by the physicians

3 There should be no riding out on the sabbath unless duty requires.

4 × Clothes for the wash should not be carried to the wash-house on the sabbath after sunrise until after supper, at which time the sisters may prepare them for washing.

5 No one should walk out on the Sabbath except on duty.

6 Cutting of the hair, pairing of the nails, blacking or greasing of shoes or boots, and such like things should not be done on the Sabbath.

Supplement.

Conditional Orders.

1 There should be no baking of bread, cakes or pies, no frying of cakes, & no cooking of meat in any way on the Sabbath. Fruits & vegetables should not be prepared for cooking on the sabbath, neither should they be gathered unless in case of great necessity.

2 Shaving the beard should not be done on the Sabbath unless in case of great necessity when it is quite inconvenient to avoid it.

3 Where there is dwelling-house room provided, shops should not be frequented or occupied as a residence on the Sabbath, but, when duty renders it necessary to visit them, the tarry should be short as convenient.

4 Shop windows fronting the street should not be left open on the Sabbath, except on some needful occasion.

Counsels.

1 No labor should be performed on the Sabbath that can consistently be avoided, but all should keep the day holy and sacred unto the Lord.

2 Bathing and showering if done on the Sabbath, should be done early in the morning except in case of sickness.

3 Loud or boisterous talking or laugh=ing, also conversation on politics, war, or worldly subjects in general, also

telling worldly stories should be avoided on the Sabbath.

Section IV.

Orders concerning Christmas & Days appointed by Government to be kept.

1 In conformity to the general practice of Christendom (so called) Believers should keep Christmas, & on this day should examine themselves, in regard to their union with each other; & if hard feelings or grudges are found, they should this day be put away, & reconciliation should be made, and union gained between such as have been dissentious, that the spirit of Christ may abide in every soul.

2 Christmas should be kept sacredly like unto the sabbath until sunset.

3 Days appointed by the government for fasting & prayer, & for thanksgiving are also

required to be kept and regarded, and believers should attend one meeting and devote the re=
=mainder of the day in cleaning and putting things and apartments in order.

Orders Concerning Intercourse between the Sexes.

1 The gospel strictly forbids all private union between the sexes, in any way, place, ease, or under any circumstance whatever.

2 One Brother & Sister must not be together alone at any time longer than to do a short & necessary duty or errand; & must not have private talks together at all which they desire to have unknown to their Elders; neither should brethren & sisters touch each other unecessarily.

3 Brethren and Sisters must not make presents to each other in a private manner.

4 Brethren & Sisters should not pass each other on the stairs

5. Brethren & Sisters should not shake hands together.

6. Sisters must neither mend nor set buttons on Brethren's clothes while they have them on.

7. It is not allowable for Brethren & Sisters to swap or give each other any tools, books or clothing of any kind, without the knowledge and union of those who have charge of providing such things.

8 When Brethren go to Sister's rooms or Sisters to Brethren's rooms they should always rap at the door & wait to be bidden in.

9 Brethren & Sisters should not dress in gar=ments belonging to the opposite sex nor allow themselves to try on such garments.

Conditional Orders.

1 Brethren & Sisters should not work together much length of time, except on special occa=sions, & then in union with the Elders.

2 Brethren & Sisters should not write for each=other, nor to each other without liberty from the Elders.

3 If Brethren or sisters need instruction in reading writing or music, or any other branches of literature or science they must receive it from those of their own sex, or by such persons as the Elders may appoint.

4 Brethren & Sisters should not go into eachother's apartments after evening meeting at night except on some very needful occasion.

5 The Brethren should all leave their rooms while the Sisters are doing the necessary chores therein, unless prevented by sickness, or infirmity.

6. When sisters walk out into the fields, to the Barns or Brethren's Shops, there should be at least two in company — exceptions should be by liberty of the Elders.

Counsels.

1 Brethren should avoid shaking hands with women of the world, as far as consistent, & sisters, should in like manner avoid shaking hands with men of the world.

2 When Brethren go to Brethren's rooms, or Sisters to sister's rooms, it is pretty to ask leave to enter before entering rooms where they do not live.

3 Brethren or sisters should avoid stand=ing or sitting on the outside steps, platforms, or in the halls to hold lengthy conversations either Brethren with Brethren or Sisters with Sisters or of Brethren & Sisters together.

4 In time of meetings for worship, & in union or singing meetings, there should be at least five feet distance between the ranks of the brethren & sisters, & no one should stand or sit in a lounging or awkward posture.

5 All should attend Union Meetings at the appointed times unless special duty requires them to be absent.

6 When consistent to avoid it, Breth=ren's & Sister's Shops should not be under one & the same roof.

7 It is not recommendable for Brethren to go to Sisters, Shops or Sisters to Brethren's Shops for the purpose of partaking of melons, fruits or nuts &c.

8 Brethren & Sisters should avoid hanging their garments together.

Orders concerning the Language of Believers.

1 All filthy stories & all conversation which tends to excite lustful sensations are directly contrary to the purity of the gospel and utterly forbidden; & who ever offends in this matter must make confession before meeting or stand behind all in the ranks when assembled for worship.

2 All telling of falsehoods, evil speaking one of another, back biting or tattling are utterly forbidden by the gospel.

3 No one should carry news from one to another, that will stir up and make mischief; or bring up faults & failings, that have been confessed & put away.

4 Believers should not compare their brethren & sisters to filthy vagabonds of the world.

5 Worldly titles should not be applied by Believers to their brethren and sisters.

6 When Brethren & Sisters seek a favor one of another, they should always ask in a becoming manner, as, "Will you be so kind" &c. And, when kindness is received should return thanks respectfully, as "I kindly thank you".

7 When Believers hold conversation with those who have turned from the way of God, they should correcly report the same to their Elders.

8 No Believer should rehearse the mistakes or faults of any one, in the body or out, to those not having knowledge of the same, so as to hand them down from one generation to another.

Counsels

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1 Believers should not call nick=
=names, use by-words, or worldly expres=
=sions, neither should they address each
=other with worldly titles.

2 Believers should avoid repeating
the cursing & swearing of the world,
when relating the stories of such language,
or circumstances with which it was
connected.

3 It is ungodly for Brethren & Sisters
to threaten of rejecting their privilege in
the way of God, & turning back to the world.

Orders concerning the Furniture of retiring Rooms.

1 No Maps, Charts, pictures nor paint=
=ings, should ever be hung up in

retiring rooms; & no pictures paintings or likenesses, as Deguerotypes &c. set in frames, or otherwise, should ever be kept by Believers. Modest advertisements may be put up in the Trustees Office when necessary.

2 If any one mars, breaks or destroys any article of furniture in the retiring rooms where they live it is the duty of such to acknowledge the same to the Deacons or Deaconesses as the case may be, & if possible to repair the injury.

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Conditional Orders.

1 Newspapers should not be read in retiring rooms, except by special liberty of those set in order to give the same.

Counsels.

The furniture of dwelling rooms among Believers should be plain in style, and unembellished by stamps, flowers, paintings

or gildings of any kind. And looking glasses ought not to be purchased by Believers exceeding about 12 by 20 inches.

Orders Concerning Books, pamphlets & Writing in general.

1 Very superfluously marbled or gilt books or papers should not be used among Believers.

2 Brethren & Sisters are not allowed to pur=
=chase or borrow books of the world or other fam=
=ilies of Believers without permission of the El=
=ders of the family with whom they live.

3 None should read books when out among the world that are not allowed of among Be=
=lievers. If the world should offer any be=
=liever a book that would be allowed of, tho' they might not have had liberty to get such a book, it would be better to get such a book than to give offence; but it should be shown to the Elders, before it is read or circulated.

4 No Books pamphlets or Almanacs of any kind are allowed to be brought in=
=to the family without the knowledge & approbation of the Elders.

5 All letters received by members not set in order to transact business with the world or with other Believers should invariably be shown to the Elders & this should be done before being shown or read, to, or by any other person.

6. If any member should write a letter to send abroad, it should be shown to the Elders before it is sealed or sent away_ But the Office Deacons are allowed to receive letters on temporal business only, without showing them to the Elders

But all communications written or received by them or any other person, not connected with business transactions in the line of their official duties, should be shown to the Elders.

7 No Hymns Anthems or Songs of any kind, or any other writings, except as before

shown

shown may be carried out or brought into the family without the knowledge & appro=
=bation of the Elders thereof.

Conditional Orders.

X News papers should be subscribed for by those at the Office as a general rule, & none should come into the family except by the kowledge of the Elders

Counsels.

X One or two family journals should be kept by each family, in which all important occurrences, or business transactions of the family ~~aside from the~~ Office, should be registered.

Orders concerning Going Abroad & Intercourse with the World.

1 When Believers need to go abroad, out of the line of their ordinary business they should obtain the union of their Elders — And persons employed to do business should inform the Elders, if to be absent over night.

2 When members of the family need spending money, they should apply to the family Deacons, or those set in order for keeping the same, & to them a correct account of all expenses should be made, when the money is returned.

3 One Brother & one Sister, must not walk out or ride out together, without the third person; nor take with them for company a child under ten years of age, for their only companion. Any exceptions to this rule, should be by special liberty of the Elders

4 It is not allowable for Believers to go into Museums, Theatres, or to attend caravans, or shows, to gratify curiosity.

5 In families gathered into order, no members but those appointed for that purpose should keep money

6 When Brethren & Sisters go from home, for a visit, or, if absent over night on busi=ness, they should give the Elders an account of their proceedings & circumstances attending their journey when they return home.

Orders
Concerning the Literary Education & Schooling of Children.

1 No member but those appointed by the Lead may study physic, Pharmcy, Anatomy, Surgery, Law &c. &c. & phrenolgy, Mythology, Mesmerism, & such sciences as are foreign from Believers' duty should not be studied at all by Believers.

2 Spelling Reading Writing Linear drawing English Grammar Composition, Arithmetic Mensuration. The science of Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, Physiology, A portion of History & Geography, Music, Moral Science, Good Manners, & true religion are sufficient, as general school studies for children among Believers.

× Orders Concerning the Dead

1 When the spirit is departing & a person is breathing the last, all present should kneel in prayer.

It is sufficient to dress a male corpse in a shirt & shroud, a handkerchief or cravat, & muffler if necesary. And for a female add thereto a cap & collar.

Miscellaneous Orders &c"

1 ‖ All wrestling, scuffling, beating, striking, or fighting, in any sense of the word, is utterly forbidden by the gospel.

2 No persons may have private communications, written, spoken, or in action, intentionally secreted from their Elders. ‖

3 No kind of ardent spirits may be drank by Believers except by orders of the Physicians.

4 ‖ It is an established order for Believers to kneel in prayer, on retiring to rest at night, & on rising in the morning. ‖

5. It is an established order for Believers to kneel before & after eating, when at home, & among themselves, & when among the world as far as consistent; And when kneeling in prayer & thanksgiving, all should close their eyes, & devote their souls to God.

6. No unecessary figuring or lettering and no superfluity should be used in making tools or garments

7 No writing with red ink should be done by way of embellishment.

8 No gildings may be put upon books manufactured by Believers, and no names of individuals may be lettered in gold leaf upon the outside cover of books of any kind.

9 Boys under fifteen years of age, should not make any use of guns; & the longer they let guns alone, the better, as hunting is not recommendable.

10 Fancy articles of any kind, or arti=cles that are superfluously finished, trimed or ornamented are not suitable for Believers, and should not be purchased or used.

Conditional Orders

All should rise in the morning at the signal given for that purpose, unless prevented by sickness or infirmity

2 Brethren should leave their rooms within fifteen minutes after the signal time of rising in the morning, unless prevented by sickness or infirmity.

3 + All who sleep in one and the same room should kneel, & retire together as far as consistent; but if any desire to sit up to work, or for other purposes, they should get liberty of the Elders & inform those with whom they lodge.

4 + There should be no talking after reti= =ring to rest at night except on some im= =portant occasion.

5 X Those appointed caretakers of dwelling rooms, are responsible that good order is main= =tained therein, & that disorder is reported

to the Elders.

6. Visiting between the world & believers, should be done at the Office, in families where there is one; except otherwise di=
=rected by the Elders.

7. Brethren & Sisters should not give away any of their garments or tools, without the union of the Deacons or Dea=
=conesses, Taylors or Tayloresses, who have charge of providing such things.

Counsels.

1 Where public stores are kept the place of storage should be secured by Locks & Keys.

2 Cider if kept at all should be secured by Lock, & kept under the charge of some suitable person.

3 When Brethren or sisters wish to make presents to their friends among Believers, or elsewhere, they should obtain liberty of their Elders & those first in temporal care to do so.

Concerning Temporal Economy.

Section 1.

Of prudence Neatness &c.

1 No kind of liquid matter should be thrown out of the windows of painted buildings, & no apple pearings nor the refuse of any kind of fruit should be thrown out of the windows of the dwelling house or Shops, into the door yards or street.

2 Brethren or Sisters should not throw away their old shoes, boots, socks or garments; but they should be shown to those who have the charge of such things, to be disposed of as they deem proper.

3 Flowers, fruit trees or shrubbery should not be set around or adjacent to dwelling houses, or shops, which occupy ~~a front position~~ front of any dwelling house or Shops.

Counsels &c.

1 No kind of filthy rubbish may be left to remain around the dwellings, shops, nor in the door yard or streets, in front of the dwelling house or shops.

2 All the gates should be closed on saturday nights in the summer, & work rooms should be swept; the work & tools should be put in order, & safely secured from thieves & fire.

3 When a pane of glass gets broken in a front window it must be mended before the Sabbath.

Section II.

Orders to prevent Loss by Fire.

1 No one should carry fire about the door-yards or among the buildings, unless safely secured in a lantern, fire-box or other safe vessel.

2 No one may enter a closet, clothes room, or any other by place not frequented, with an open light.

3 Lighted Lamps or candles must not be carried to the barns or other out buildings unless enclosed in a lantern, & no Lanterns are allowed to be carried into hay mows nor to be opened in the barns, nor in any place where sparks would be liable to set any thing on fire.

4 No lighted Lamps or Candles may be held over chests, drawers, shaving baskets, and such like places.

5 No one may go to chests of clothing, drawers, shaving-baskets, wood-boxes, closets, or back & by places, while smoking neither may they empty their pipes in spit boxes, nor go to smoke in uninhabited rooms.

6 It is not allowable to go out of doors any where among the buildings with lighted pipes; and it is better not to smoke at all.

7 It is not allowable to boil oil or varnish in our buildings any where.

8 No ashes should be emptied in their place of deposit after one o'clock in the afternoon; neither may ashes ever be taken up in a wooden vessel – vessels should not be set or hung on woodboxes or near shaving baskets with ashes in them.

9 The snuff of a burning lamp or candle should never be dropped into spit boxes where there is saw-dust or any combustible matter.

10. Spit boxes should not be left under the stove-hearth at any time.

11 When a room is left for the night, or much length of time the stove door should be shut if there is fire in it and the place secured from fire.

Counsels.

1 Chimneys should be burned out once a year, & at a time when the roofs are sufficiently wet to prevent taking fire.

Section III.

Orders Concerning Beasts.

1 ✗ No Believer is allowed to play with cats and dogs, it is strictly forbidden. neither should they make wom-mates of them, nor make unne=
=cessary freedom with any of the beasts of the field.

2 ✗ No dogs may be kept in any family that is gathered into order.

3 No beasts belonging to the people of God may be left to suffer with hunger, thurst or cold, in consequence of neglect on the part of those who have the care of such beasts; but all should be kept in their proper places, & be properly attended to.

4 No beasts or any living thing may be wantonly pained injured or tortured, and no living being should be corrected or chastened in a pasion.

Counsels.

1 x Horses & Cattle must not feed or run to=
=gether in one pasture.

2 x Beasts should not be called by the given or christen name of persons

Section IV.

Concerning the Order of the Natural Creation.

1 x Different species of trees or plants may not be engrafted or buded upon each other, except pears, which may be engrafted upon the Quince.

2 x The different species of animals should also be kept distinct, each in its own order.

3 x No fowls may be set on the eggs of fowls of different kinds.

Counsels.

1 ✗ Believers should not spend their time in cultivating fruits & plants not adapted to the climate in which they live.

Section V.

Orders concerning Building Painting &c.

1 ✗ Beedings, Mouldings, Cornishings which are merely for fancy may not be made by Believers

2 ✗ Odd, or fanciful styles of architecture, may not be used among believers, neither should any deviate widely from the common styles of building, without the union of the Ministry & Elders.

× Counsels.

It is advisable to paint Meeting Houses white without and of a blueish shade within for the sake of uniformity. Dwellings should also be as near uniform in color as consistent and Shops in like manner, should be uniform in color as far as practicable, and a little darker than dwellings.

2 For uniformity it is advised for dwelling house floors, if stained at all, to be of redish yellow.

3 Back buildings, as barns, woodhouses &c if painted at all should be of a darker hue than dwellings, or Shops; as Red Brown, Umber Lead=-color, Chocolate or some such modest color; But when such buildings front the street or command a sightly aspect they should be pain=-ted like Shops.

4 It is imprudent and unadvisable to paint such articles as come to ready wear, so as to wear out before they rust out.

Section VI.

× Miscellaneous Counsels

1 Brethren & Sisters should avoid throng=
=ing the Office to visit Believers late in the
evening, or as they are about to return home.

2 Members should not tell the gifts, or pe=
=culiar regulations of the family in which they
live, to other families.

3 Brethren and Sisters should not leave
their companions in employ to be gone over
½ half an hour, without giving them inform=
=ation where they are going.

4 Lengthy conversations should not be held
in the street if consistent to avoid it.

5 It is unsafe, & therefore improper, to redrill
a hole in a rock when it is charged for blasting.

6 † It is advisable for Believers to abstain from
all kinds of fermented liquors as a beverage.

7 Buildings which get out of repair should

be repaired soon or taken away.

8 × Doors & Gates should not be left swing=
=ing but kept either shut or fastened open.

9 Curtains should not be left in such a man=
=ner as to be blown out at the windows.

10 It is unsafe to leave any kind of garments
or yarn, or cloth, spread or hung out over night,
unless it is watched.

11 × It is uncleanly for Brethren & Sisters to spit
out at the windows, on the floors, walks, cellar
bottoms or sinks.

12 It is unsafe to shoot with guns near the
barns or other buildings, unless the wad=
=ding be of leather shavings, or something not
loable to take fire.

13 It is unadvisable to use locks & keys in
the Dwelling House, except where public stores
are to be kept; & no false locks should be used
in the Dwelling House, or any private possession

14 It is uncleanly to allow cattle or sheep to
feed in the door yards, & they should not be
driven carelessly through them;

& it is

50) & it is a good rule to mow door yards twice a year.

15 It is improper to cut up the door yards with little cross paths, & by roads, but when consistent, all should keep on the walks.

16 When Brethren or Sisters are about the farm, & pass through bars or gates, they should always leave them closed, unless they find them evidently left open on purpose. And when Brethren are about the farm & find Gates open, bars down, or fences broken down, they should put them in order; if consistent, & if not inform those set in order to take care of them, on their return home.

17 All implements of labor, carts, waggons, sleighs, sleds, &c. &c. should be put in their proper places on saturday night, & as far as consistent, every night, & all of these things should be done in season to retire at the time appointed if possible.

18 No kind of beasts birds &c &c should be kept for mere curiosity, or for the sake of fancy or show.

19 ✕ When believers enter the dwelling house they should walk softly & in the fear of God.

20 ✕ Slamming doors & gates should not be practised by Believers.

21 ✕ Believers should avoid lounging in the win=
=dows or leaning on the window stools as if they were asleep, or gazing out at passers by, and particularly on the sabbath.

22 If a brother or sister be mifsing at the di=
=ning table, the place should be immediately filled.

23 No one should allow himself to pass carelessly over useful things, as a nail, pin &c. thinking it too small to pick up & save; for our Heavenly Father may consider such too small to bestow a blessing upon.

24 When brethren or sisters are assembled to sing, or support union, no one should read aloud without the request or consent of the company, lest some greater gift should be obstructed.

25 When any one is out of health, such should not defer applying to the physicians until sat=
=urday night or sabbath day, for the purpose of saving time for temporal employment.

26 Brethren should not present themselves

to support union with the sisters, when they have aught one against another, & sisters should not present themselves to support un=
=ion with the brethren, when they have aught one against another.

27 Believers should not keep any beasts that needs an extravagant portion of whip=
=ping or beating; but such had better be sold to the children of this world, or killed.

28 Rocking Chairs should not be used in singing meeting

29 All should avoid unnecessarily frequent=
=ing the rooms wherein they do not live ex=
=cept on duty.

30 Believers should not keep pots of flowers in or around dwelling houses or Shops.

Conclusion.

X Whoever knowingly or wilfully breaks the order of the gospel, should feel that they have sinned in that thing, & should feel themselves solemnly obligated to confess it, & put it away in the line of order.

The Elders of every family throughout Zion, should keep a record of the orders contained in this book, or such a portion of them as the Ministry deem suitable for, & adapted to the family over which they are called to preside; & the same should be frequently read or spoken to the family. Perhaps the most judicious way to make a suita=
=ble and lasting impression upon the minds of the people, would be, to read one section only at a meet=
=ing, thus confining the attention to one subject.

X It is very important that every believer should get an understanding of the order which they are called to keep.

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